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In re the Application of

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A ROLLING ELEMENT BEARING WITH
IMPROVED ROLLING CONTACT SURFACES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 as follows:

B2 1. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a roller element bearing comprising an inner ring, an outer ring, and a series of rolling elements, a rolling surface of each rolling element in contact with a raceway surface formed in each of the inner and the outer rings, at least one of the raceway surfaces of the inner and outer rings and the rolling surfaces of the rolling elements being provided with a topography comprising recesses which are generally isolated by lands, the method comprising:

forming the recesses by shot peening the at least one of the surfaces.

Please add new claim 6 as follows:

B2 --6. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing the recesses with
lubricant.--